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SUBJECT: KOCHMAN AFFAIR

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 2062 (NOTAL)

1. GOVERNMENT RUN DAILY NEWSPAPER CHAAB ON AUGUST 17, 1978 CARRIED PAGE ONE ARTICLE VERY HOSTILE TOWARD FORMER GIRM AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON NASSIM KOCHMAN. IN WHAT WAS VIRTUALLY A WORD-FOR-WORD REPRODUCTION OF RADIO MAURITANIA'S NOON NEWS BORADCAST OF AUGUST 16, CHAAB REPORTS THAT KOCHMAN WAS RELIEVED OF HIS DUTIES AS AMBASSADOR ON JULY 4 (SIX DAYS BEFORE THE OULD DADDDAH GOVERNMENT FELL) FOR QUOTE NOTORIOUS SWINDLING, POOR ADMINISTRATION AND MIS-APPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS... ETC END QUOTE. ARTICLE FURTHER POINTS OUT THAT DESPITE KOCHMAN'S ASSERTION DURING A RECENT NEWS CONFERENCE THAT HE HAD BEEN FIRED BECAUSE OF HIS CLOSE TIES TO THE OULD DADDDAH GOVERNMENT, QUOTE THE SAME KOCHMAN WAS ONE OF THE FIRST
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AMBASSADORS TO SEND A MESSAGE OF WARM SUPPORT TO THE MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL RECOVERY ENDQUOTE. FINALLY, CHAAB REPORTS THAT A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN NOUAKCHOTT REVEALED THAT AN INSPECTION OF THE WASHINGTON EMBASSY TURNED UP SUCH LOATHSOME EMBEZZLEMENTS AND DISHONEST ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES THAT KOCHMAN IS LIABLE FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.

2. COMMENT: THE NEW GOVERNMENT HAS GONE TO GREAT LENGTHS WITH
THIS ARTICLE TO DISCREDIT KOCHMAN,
A MAN WITH FEW TIES TO ANY
MAURITANIANS OTHER THAN THE FORMER PRESIDENT HIMSELF, BOTH FOR
HIS ADMINISTRATION OF THE WASHINGTON EMBASSY FOR THE PAST
TWO YEARS AND FOR HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS SINCE THE COUP. END
COMMENT. KRYZA

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